

**HIV Prevention**  
**Community Planning Group (CPG)**  
1845 E. Roosevelt Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85006 (602) 506-6005

Full Group Meeting  
Tuesday, January 14, 2003  
Arizona OIC – 39 E. Jackson Street

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** 37 Members were present.

**Call to Order:** Denise Diefenbach called the meeting to order at 5:25p.m.

**Introduction**

- Members introduced themselves
- Volunteer for process monitor was Leon Williams
- Larry Thomas led the group in a teambuilding exercise

**Announcements**

- Nate Yazzie of Native American Pathways announced a social support group for Native American Transgenders called G.I.T (Girls In Transition). The agency also has a Native American Gay Support Group called TALK. Call Nate at 602-279-5262 x235 for more information.
- Brenda Hope announced the Ryan White Planning Council meeting on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at Joshua Tree starting at 11:30am. To contact Brenda call 602-506-6321.
- Billy Leeth of Maricopa County Department of Public Health in the HIV/HCV Division shared that testing information for Syphilis the size of business cards will be available in three weeks. For more information regarding this contact Billy at 602-506-6857.
- Craig Pattee of Native American Community Health Center has an opening for a part time Peer Health Advocate for the Gay Transgender Native American population. For more information contact Matilda at 602-279-5262 x223 or visit their website [www.nachci.com](http://www.nachci.com).
- Tara Radke of Phoenix Children's Hospital announced "The Yellow Boat," a fundraiser play to benefit the Bill Holt Pediatric Infectious Disease Clinic, will be performing on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at the Tempe Performing Arts Center beginning at 7:00pm. Contact Tara at 602-546-0233.
- Raymond Bierner of The HIV Ethnic Minority Task Force announced that the group has changed their title and mission statement to include Hepatitis. Their new title is The HIV/Hepatitis Ethnic Minority Task Force.
- Scott Haverstock of Body Positive announced an additional engagement of "The Yellow Boat" on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:00pm. The agency will also be hosting Casino Night on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Phoenix Museum of History. Both events to benefit Logan's Playground. Call Scott for more information at 602-307-5330.
- Garry Robinson of AIDS Project Arizona/T.R.I.B.E. is sponsoring Positive Energy Center on Saturday January 18, 2003. Call 602-253-2437 for details.

**SEE FLYERS ATTACHED FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

### **New Business**

- Denise Diefenbach updated the group on the "Big Picture" and featured items for the evening. Highlights are as follows:
  - **How the CPG works**
  - **The Do's and Don'ts of the CPG**
  - **Process Evaluation**
  - **The Summit**
- Brandi Drew, an intern at Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) will be contacting CPG members to conduct an evaluation of the Central Region either by phone or mail. Brandi will also be evaluating the Northern and Southern regions.
- Kristy Benton shared with the group that the release of the new Guidance from Center for Disease Control (CDC). The Guidance outlines the objectives, goals, and responsibilities of the CPG and ADHS. The Central Region along with ADHS will provide technical assistance during an upcoming CPG full group meeting to review this material with members.
- It was announced that all co-chairs (Garry Robinson, Victor Pawlak, and Denise Diefenbach), the new elected co-chair and one member would be attending the Community Planning Leadership Summit in New York from March 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Alisa Cusseaux who will be joining the co-chairs in NY.
- Tara Radke gave the Ryan White Planning Council update.
  - Planning Council has not received notice of award.
  - New officers will be elected.
  - Upcoming is a New Member & Training Workgroup.
- Scott Haverstock of HIP-AZ announced that the program is in its final stages. The agency completed their evaluation and will have a full report at the March full group meeting. In addition, HIP-AZ billboards are now being displayed in Tucson and Phoenix.
- Victor led the group in co-chair elections. Nominees were shared their CPG background and work experience. Nominees included Erica Ferguson, A Planning Council Member, Graciela Mera, Bill Parker, and Craig Pattee. All present and eligible consensus-voting members elected Erica Ferguson as new co-chair.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next full group meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 18 2003** at 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 100 W. Roosevelt in Phoenix.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Denise R. Diefenbach  
Program Manager